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International application No.

PCT/SG98/00023

Applicant's or agent's file reference

SY5000141WOF

International filing date (day/month/year)

18 March 1998 (18.03.98)

Priority date (day/month/year)

Applicant

HO, Anthony, Tung, Shuen

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

24 August 1999 (24.08.99)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was



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Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 27 August 1999 (27.08.99)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
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1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:	
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3. Further observations, if necessary: The above-mentioned applicant/inventor has assigned his rights to DATAMARK TECHNOLOGIES PTE LTD for the purposes of all designated States except US HO, Anthony, Tung, Shuen is now applicant/inventor for US only.	
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SG 98/00023

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁶: G 06 F 12/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁶: G 06 F 12/14

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPODOC, WPI

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 97/26 732 A1 (DICE) 24 July 1997 (24.07.97), abstract; claim 1.	
A	WO 97/43 761 A2 (INTERTRUST) 20 November 1997 (20.11.97), abstract.	

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

26 April 1999 (26.04.99)

Date of mailing of the international search report

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WO A1	9726732	24-07-1997	AU A1	18294/97	11-08-1997
			US A	5745569	28-04-1998
WO A2	9743761	20-11-1997	AU A1	32057/97	05-12-1997
			EP A2	898777	03-03-1999
			WO A1	9810381	12-03-1998
			WO A3	9743761	02-04-1998
			AU A1	71062/96	26-03-1998
			AU A1	36815/97	19-02-1998
			AU A1	36816/97	19-02-1998

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International filing Date

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Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)
SY5000141WOF

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Method and Apparatus For Camouflaging Data

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☐ Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: ☒ Agent ☐ common representative

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In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except the designation(s) of

The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying that designation and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM		Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box <input type="checkbox"/>	
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:			
Country <i>(in which, or for which, the application was filed)</i>	Filing Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Application No.	Office of filing <i>(only for regional or international application)</i>
Item (1)			
Item (2)			
Item (3)			
Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office <i>(a fee may be required)</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> The receiving Office is hereby requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): _____			
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY			
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(If two or more International Searching authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i> ISA / <u>AT</u>			
Earlier search Fill in where a search (international, international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been carried out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search. Identify such search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request: Country (or regional Office): _____ Date (day/month/year): _____ Number: _____			
Box No. VIII CHECK LIST			
This international application contains the following number of sheets: 1. request : 3 sheets 2. description : 16 sheets 3. claims : 9 sheets 4. abstract : 1 sheets 5. drawings : 8 sheets Total : 37 sheets		This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney 2. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney 3. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature 4. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): _____ 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet 6. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms 7. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (diskette) 8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): _____	
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5. International Searching Authority Specified by the applicant: ISA /		6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	
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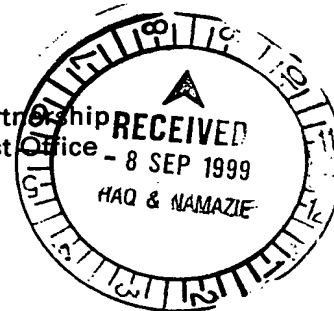
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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
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Applicant HO, Anthony, Tung, Shuen et al			

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

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National : AU, CA, JP, US

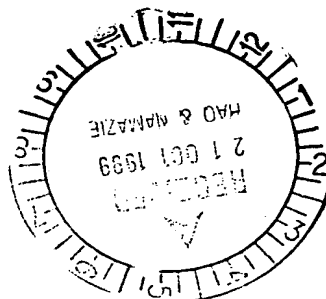
2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

National : SG

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.



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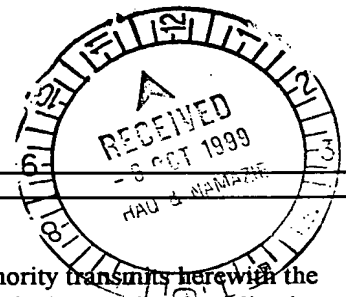
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International application No.
PCT/SG 98/00023

International filing date
18 March 1998

Priority date
18 March 1998

Applicant
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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translations to those Offices.

4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices)(Article 39(1))(see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/SG 98/00023	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 March 1998	Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 March 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Int. Cl. ⁶ G06F 12/14		
Applicant HO, Anthony Tung Shuen		

1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.																								
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).																								
3.	This report contains indications relating to the following items: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">I</td> <td style="width: 5%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Basis of the report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>II</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Priority</td> </tr> <tr> <td>III</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IV</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Lack of unity of invention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>V</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VI</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Certain documents cited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VII</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Certain defects in the international application</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VIII</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Certain observations on the international application</td> </tr> </table>	I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basis of the report	II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority	III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention	V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited	VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain defects in the international application	VIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application
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I. Basis of the report

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Y. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**I. Statement**

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	Claims	NO
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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